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Mr. Dean Fowler
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RE: Progress Report for Colbert Landfill RD/RA for September 1989

Dear Dean:

Ecology and EPA have received the above stated progress report as written by Landau Associates and find it acceptable. The work completed to date by Landau Associates has been of good quality.

Regarding Section 3.0 (Encountered/Anticipated Problems) of the progress report, I do have the following comments:

1. The encountering of methane gas in Boring CD-21 is not unexpected, as it is very close to the garbage. You should start thinking about some of the upcoming State Minimum Functional Standards closure activities for the landfill, which includes landfill gas monitoring and collection activities. To my knowledge, no monitoring for landfill gas (methane) has been done at the Colbert Landfill.
2. EPA and Ecology have received the second draft of the QAPjP. That document is still under review. The review of the QAPjP is scheduled to be completed by November 17, 1989. You will be receiving the comment letter from EPA, which includes both agencies comments, immediately after November 17th.

If you have any questions, regarding this letter, please give me a call at (206)438-3043 or SCAN 585-3043. For questions regarding the QAPjP, please call Neil Thompson at (206)442-7177.



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Ecology and EPA have also received:

1. Your responses to our comments on the Institutional Controls Plan. We will be responding shortly. We also received Jim Emacio's letter regarding Spokane County's authority to implement controls on new purveyor wells. We will also be responding to that letter.
2. Landau's Summary of Key Points for the Phase 1 Pilot Well Plan. We will be forwarding our comments to you by November 15, 1989 as requested.

Sincerely,

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